

NEWTON YOUTH COMMISSION Meeting
November 3, 2010 MINUTES
Location: Newton City Hall Cafeteria

Present: Joe De Vito (Chair, Anthony Bibbo, Chris Fortunato, , Matt Green, , Officer Jeff Mace, Ellen Manning, Stephanie Lapham, Stephan Ross, Kirsten Tuohy, Students: Tamara Matama (NNHS), Gabriella Pulcini (NNHS)
Regrets: Richard Dyer
Staff: Ruth Hoshino, School Nurse Leader, Health and Human Services

The meeting was opened at 7:05 PM and chaired by Joe De Vito

A motion to accept the minutes of October 6, 2010 was made by Stephanie and seconded by Kirsten.

The motion to accept the minutes passed.

Treasurer's report: The budget for FY 2010 operating budget is \$2500. No new activity.

New or Old Business

Stephan Ross: Thanked the group for the springtime award and dinner. He is grateful and cherishes the Youth Commission.

- Mayor's Public Service Internship Program:
 - Joe - describes the program as a way to connect with students/youth and to tap into ideas that are important to them. With direct access to the mayor, the interns will help direct the work of the Youth Commission.
 - Chris and Ellen – Original program plan was to have 8-10 students. Will go a little higher in number but will keep the group to a manageable size. Tonight's first meeting of 9 student interns went very well. The students suggested 12-15 topics to focus on. The "loose" plan is for 3 citywide events and possible fundraising for worthy organizations. Weekly meetings are scheduled through May.
- Restorative Justice: no update at this time
- Other Information:
 - Joe has been contacted by a social worker seeking the opportunity to speak about bullying. While the group feels this a relevant topic, more information is needed before a presentation is planned.
 - Snow Shoveling – Shoveling ordinance may be coming to Newton. This can have implementation and enforcement challenges. The Park and Recreation Department is signing up adults and youth who are willing to shovel for a fee and collecting names of residents who need this service. An unpaid volunteer group is also needed. Perhaps volunteer recruitment could come from youth who have community service requirements. Any interested parties should be directed to Robin McLaughlin at the Park and Rec Department.
 - An active police presence has been noted at Newton North. This is due to traffic control, smoking ordinance enforcement, regular youth officer visits and a previously planned lock-down drill.
 - 2011 Summary of the Conflict of Interest Law for Municipal Employees booklets were given to all members present.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 1 at 7 PM

Respectfully submitted by Ruth Hoshino